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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7288**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 459

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Attendance Officers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Long

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the appointment of an attendance officer in all school corporations. It allows a school corporation that has an average daily attendance (ADA) of less than 1,500 pupils to enter into an agreement with another school corporation that has an average daily attendance of less than 1,500 pupils to jointly appoint an attendance officer. The bill provides that an attendance officer may only perform the duties of an attendance officer and may not hold another position within the school corporation. It repeals a provision specifying that a school corporation's superintendent is the ex officio attendance officer if an attendance officer is not otherwise appointed.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** According to the Department of Education school employee database, 19 schools already employ 24 attendance officers on a full-time basis. Of 313 public school corporations in the state, including charter schools, 177 schools had an ADA of over 1,500. The average salary currently paid to attendance officers is \$46,496.

Between 158 (177 schools less the 19 schools already employing an attendance officer) and 294 (313 - 19) attendance officers would need to be hired by local schools. The increase in the expenses statewide would be between \$4.7 M (\$25,000 + 19% fringe benefits \* 158 schools) and \$16.3M (\$46,496 + 19% fringe benefits \* 294 schools), depending on the salary paid to attendance officers and the number of schools that

could jointly appoint an attendance officer.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Schools.

**Information Sources:** Department of Education databases.

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